



## Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## Other Funding Opportunities

### **2008 NCVRW Community Awareness Project**

#### **Application Deadline: October 15, 2007**

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA), through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), seeks proposals for innovative and collaborative approaches to promoting community-wide awareness of the rights and available services for victims of all types of crime during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). Approximately 60 communities will be awarded up to \$5,000 each for approved NCVRW public awareness activities. In addition, this year a total of up to 5 statewide projects will each be eligible for \$10,000 subgrants. Eligible applicants include public agencies, nonprofit organizations, community-based victim service organizations, faith-based organizations, tribal organizations, and community coalitions.

For more information: <http://cap.navaa.org/>.

### **Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)**

The Office for Victims of Crime will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community – and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help them improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.

## Research and Publications

### **Pretrial Innovations for Domestic Violence Offenders and Victims: Lessons from the Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative**

The National Institute of Justice published this report which examines the domestic violence pretrial innovations utilized in three Judicial Oversight Demonstration project sites. The goal of these innovations was to develop swift, coordinated responses by the community and the justice system to increase victim safety and offender accountability in intimate partner violence cases. Highlights of the report include pretrial strategies used, key aspects of their implementation, and lessons learned for other jurisdictions.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/216041.pdf>

### **HIV in Prisons, 2005**

This report, released by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, presents findings from the National Prisoner Statistics and the Deaths in Custody series regarding the number of HIV-infection and confirmed AIDS cases among State and Federal prisoners at year end 2005. The report includes: the number of AIDS-related deaths in prison; inmate profiles of those who died as a result of the disease; the number of female and male prisoners who were HIV-infected or had confirmed AIDS; and a comparison of confirmed AIDS rates for the general and prisoner populations. Also included are trends in HIV infection, confirmed AIDS, and AIDS-related deaths.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/hivp05.pdf>.

**Preventing Repeat Incidents of Family Violence: A Randomized Field Test of a Second Responder Program in Redlands, CA**

Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, this report presents findings from a field test conducted with the Redlands, CA police department to assess the impact of second response domestic violence programs. Victims who called the Redlands police to report a domestic abuse complaint were randomly assigned into three categories, two of which required a follow-up call and one with no second response. Police records and victims surveys were then evaluated to determine if there had been any reduction in new abuse as a result of the second response condition.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/219840.pdf>.

**Adolescents, Neighborhoods, and Violence: Recent Findings from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods**

The National Institute of Justice published this report which reviews findings from four papers using the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods (PHDCN) longitudinal study to address various questions about the causes and catalysts of adolescent violence. Topics include examining the neighborhood conditions, individual characteristics, and family dynamics that contribute to adolescent violence.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/217397.pdf>.

**Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile Justice System: A Study of Differential Minority Arrest/Referral to Court in Three Cities**

Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, this report discusses findings from three juvenile delinquency studies which examined disproportionate minority contact (DMC) and factors that might affect DMC at the police contact/court referral level. Data was drawn from the Pittsburgh Youth Study, the Rochester Youth Development Study, and the Seattle Social Development Project.

Access full text: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/grants/219743.pdf>.

## **Conferences and Trainings**

**Justice Research and Statistics Association 2007 National Conference**  
**“Justice Research and Statistics: From Knowledge to Practice”**

**October 11-12, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and hosted by the Center for Research, Evaluation, and Statistical Analysis, this conference is dedicated entirely to the use of statistics and research in justice-related policies and programs. The agenda includes over 20 panels on various topics including: use of criminal history data, corrections, reentry, gangs, juvenile justice, and violent crime. Additional pre- and post-conference seminars will be held on evaluation methods, mapping, and forecasting.

For more information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

### **Moving Together 2007**

#### **October 17, 2007 in Boston, MA**

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and MassHighway, along with the Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Public Health, this day-long annual statewide bicycling and walking conference will feature twelve workshops covering a range of subjects including the Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, safety programs such as Safe Routes to School, and trail initiatives.

For more information: contact [baystate\\_roads@hotmail.com](mailto:baystate_roads@hotmail.com), or visit [http://www.ecs.umass.edu/baystate\\_roads//mt/](http://www.ecs.umass.edu/baystate_roads//mt/).

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual International Research Conference: "Creating Community Justice: A Local Public Safety Imperative"**

#### **October 28-31, 2007 in San Diego, CA**

Sponsored by the International Community Corrections Association, this conference addresses specific topics such as: cost effectiveness of best practices; specialty courts; offenders with mental illness; and juvenile justice. The intended audience includes agency directors, researchers, probation and parole officers, law enforcement personnel, and other industry professionals.

For more information: <http://www.iccaweb.org/index.php?section=6>.

### **National Conference on Safe Schools and Communities 2007**

#### **October 29-31, 2007 in Washington, DC**

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, George Washington University, and the Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence, the intention of this conference is to foster an informed and creative forum for debate about youth development and school safety in an effort to raise awareness concerning violence in schools. Topics include: bullying prevention; mentoring; program evaluation; and community programs.

For more information: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/hamfish/AnnualConference/2007/>.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition 2007**

#### **November 6-8, 2007 in San Francisco, CA**

Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security's Science & Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Department of Defense, this conference provides a forum for the emergency responder community to discuss best practices, exchange information, and examine the technology and training tools currently available and being developed. The conference will bring together key leaders and decision makers and is expected to attract over 1,500 attendees.

For more information: <http://www.ctc.org/webagenda07.htm>.

### **Crime and Justice: In the Global and in the Local**

#### **November 14-17, 2007 in Atlanta, GA**

Sponsored by the American Society of Criminology, the purpose of this conference is to provide criminal justice professionals with a forum to present research findings related to criminal justice topics, as well as new directions for policy and research. Special topics include: policing, victimization, race/ethnicity, social institutions, violence, and victimizations.

For more information: <http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>.

### **Comprehensive Drug Court Community Supervision Training**

**November 27 – December 1, 2007 in Annapolis, MD**

Sponsored by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the focus of this training is motivational interventions. Participants will be trained in the latest drug testing technology and drug test interpretations and will learn effective case management techniques and how to integrate case planning. Eligible participants include police officers and sheriffs' deputies, probation officers, parole agents, and others conducting field service and monitoring.

For more information: [http://www.ndci.org/NDCI\\_Training\\_Catalog\\_2007.doc](http://www.ndci.org/NDCI_Training_Catalog_2007.doc).

### **2007 National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA)**

**December 9-14, 2007 in Linthicum Heights, MD**

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime and the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center, the NVAA provides education and skill-based classroom trainings for professionals/providers/volunteers who work with victims and survivors of crime. The 2007 NVAA includes three tracks tailored to the various skill levels and needs of participants: foundation-level training; specialized training; and the leadership institute.

For more information: <https://www.ovcttac.org/nvaa2007/>.

## **News**

### **Chilling Murders Hit Home: Advocates: Burdened System Can't Keep Up With Tragedies**

***The Boston Herald*, September 2, 2007**

The murder of Norton resident Elizabeth Cann by her ex-boyfriend was the 39<sup>th</sup> domestic violence-related death in Massachusetts this year, reports the *Boston Herald*. According to Jane Doe, Inc, if the violence continues at its current pace, another 17 people will die before the end of the year as a result of domestic-violence related incidents. In interviews with the *Herald*, advocates, law enforcement, and state officials indicated that the current situation is the result of a combination of factors including: overcrowded domestic violence emergency shelter systems; disjointed state funding system for domestic violence shelters and support services; understaffed anti-domestic-violence programs; insufficient support from the criminal justice system in regards to restraining orders or police action; gaps in training on domestic violence for veteran police officers; and a reduction in batterers' programs statewide.

Access full text at: <http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view.bg?articleid=1028832#articleFull>.

### **Inmate Health Program a Model: \$7.4m Grant Fuels Hampden Plan**

***The Boston Globe*, September 3, 2007**

An ambitious health initiative which began in Hampden County jail more than a decade ago recently received a \$7.4 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is being touted as a national model, according to the *Boston Globe*. The initiative provides continuity of care for former Hampden County inmates by pairing them with the same doctor both while in custody and then post-release in neighborhood health centers. Supporters of the initiative say it saves tax-payers money in the long term by providing former inmates and parolees with an option other than hospital emergency rooms (a contributing factor to high healthcare costs) and may also protect the public from the spread of HIV and hepatitis.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/09/03/inmate\\_health\\_program\\_a\\_model/?page=1](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/09/03/inmate_health_program_a_model/?page=1).

### **Suffolk DA Expands State Police Duties: Move Angers Boston Detectives**

***The Boston Globe*, September 13, 2007**

According to the *Boston Globe*, following months of mounting tension between state and Boston police, Suffolk District Attorney Daniel F. Conley has placed State Police in charge of investigating all homicides on MBTA buses, trains, stations, and platforms. Conley also reasserted State Police jurisdiction over areas such as Carson and Revere beaches that had previously been disputed by city and state investigators.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/09/13/suffolk\\_da\\_expands\\_state\\_police\\_duties/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/09/13/suffolk_da_expands_state_police_duties/).

### **AG Leading Charge to Net Cybercrooks**

***The Boston Herald*, September 16, 2007**

According to the *Boston Herald*, Attorney General Martha Coakley is preparing a tough statewide assault on computer crimes. Coakley sees this effort as a central initiative for her term and began surveying law enforcement in April to formulate a strategy for defeating cyber criminals. Data from the Internet Crime Complaint Center shows that from 2004 to 2006 the number of financial computer crimes more than doubled and, in 2006, those crimes amounted to more than \$2.2 million in losses for Bay State residents.

Access full text at: <http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view.bg?articleid=1031788>.

### **With Shootings Declining, Hub Sees More Stabbings**

***The Boston Globe*, September 18, 2007**

While the state's tougher gun laws have resulted in a decrease in Boston shootings, police are now dealing with a concerning rise in the number of stabbings, reports the *Boston Globe*. Boston law enforcement officials believe that criminals have become more aware of the strict penalties associated with firearms and have started to carry knives rather than risk an 18-month minimum sentence for possession of an unlawful firearm. Police reported 350 stabbings as of mid-September, a 10 percent increase from the same period last year.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/09/18/with\\_shootings\\_declining\\_hub\\_sees\\_more\\_stabbings/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/09/18/with_shootings_declining_hub_sees_more_stabbings/).

### **Seal of Criminal Records Sought**

***The Republican*, September 19, 2007**

The Judiciary Committee recently held a hearing on a bill that would reform the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Law, reports *The Republican*. The current law has been criticized because it limits potential job availability as a result of minor criminal transgressions, inaccurate records, or crimes not associated with the position being sought. The new legislation, co-sponsored by Reps. Benjamin Swan, D-Springfield, and Christopher J. Donelan, D-Orange, would reduce the time that felony charges remain on offenders' records from 15 years after the end of their probation or sentences, to 7 years. Misdemeanor offenses would stay on the record for three years, down from the current ten. The bill would also purge any charges that didn't result in a conviction.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-11/1190190205141720.xml&coll=1>.



### **Probate Court Judge Selected**

***The Republican*, September 26, 2007**

Governor Deval L. Patrick nominated Anne M. Geoffrion of East Longmeadow to be a judge on the Hampden County Probate and Family Court, states *The Republican*. Geoffrion, currently a circuit court judge for probate and family courts in the four counties of Western Massachusetts, is Patrick's first appointment of a Trial Court Judge. If her nomination is confirmed by the Governor's Council, Geoffrion will be permanently assigned to Springfield and will fill the vacancy created by Judge Marie E. Lyons' retirement in 2006.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-11/1190791549325530.xml&coll=1>.

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